Secrecy shrouds d'Ombrain resignation

Eng. dean forced out

by Andrew Phillips

The dean of the faculty of engineering has been forced to resign from his post, following discoveries that he falsified his age in papers submitted to the university.

Dean George d'Ombrain told a closed meeting of the engineering faculty on Tuesday that he is resigning as of December 31, 1973. D'Ombrain outlined the reasons for his move to the meeting and in a confidential letter circulated in the faculty yesterday.

The administration has not yet made an official announcement of the resignation, which came as a surprise to almost all members of the engineering faculty.

The Daily could not reach d'Ombrain for comment or obtain a copy of the letter yesterday. However, reliable sources inside the faculty indicated that Principal Robert Bell asked d'Ombrain for his resignation a few days ago, when it was confirmed that he had told the committee that appointed him to a second term as dean that he is three years younger than his stated age.

D'Ombrain told the committee that he was born in July, 1914. He would thus be only 59 years old and able to serve out the five-year term before reaching 65 — the mandatory retirement age for deans, the sources said. D'Ombrain was actually born in 1911, making him 62 now and too old to serve the whole of a new term.

D'Ombrain — who came to McGill from Britain in 1958 — was appointed dean in 1968. His selection for a second term earlier this year was viewed as an unusual move because deans usually step down after serving one term. The selection committee did not consider other applications, and d'Ombrain was considered by some to be Bell's choice for the job.

When d'Ombrain was appointed for the second time, there were rumors that his submission to the committee contained discrepancies regarding his age. However, these rumors were never confirmed.

Prominent members of the engineering faculty confirmed the resignation yesterday, but none would comment on the contents of d'Ombrain's letter to them and other staff members.

Dean of Students Saeed Mirza, an associate professor of civil engineering, said he was "quite shocked by the news. I knew nothing of this."

Mirza said he attended a dean's meeting with d'Ombrain a few hours before the meeting in which d'Ombrain announced his resignation, and "there was no inkling that this might be happening."

"The faculty was quite upset and they didn't want to make any rash moves," said Mirza. He said d'Ombrain has "led the faculty very admirably and very ably

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Open meeting supports Daily

by Michael LeDonna

An open meeting of the Students' Society yesterday voted almost unanimously to accept the full budget originally proposed to Council by the McGill Daily, and to rescind the revised version proposed by External Vice-President Earle Taylor on November 7.

The third resolution submitted to the students by the Daily — and also passed overwhelmingly by the 500 students present — was a motion to maintain the quality of the Daily "with all the features and facilities necessary to provide the same level of news coverage in the future as it has done in the past," and demanding that Students' Council "respect the editorial integrity of the McGill Daily."

An amendment to the first motion updated it to cover the "compromise" budget subsidy of $28,000 proposed by Taylor last week. The budget approved yesterday by the students allows for a projected budget deficit of almost $44,000.

For an editorial on the results of yesterday's open meeting, see page 6.

During debate on the motions, several students pointed to Council's "negative actions" in dealing with student organizations this year. Michael Johnson, the first speaker, said that "Council refuses to give a positive interest to anything."

George Kopp, the Daily cartoonist, said, "It's rather obvious that this was a political attempt to stifle the Daily. Students' Council is hardly representative. The Daily is more representative because any student can write for it."

Speakers supporting the Daily were loudly applauded by the audience. Several anti-Daily students left early, saying "the meeting's all one-sided."

Students opposed to the three motions charged the Daily with negligence in its reporting and with defying the constitution by voting on motions of a financial nature. Bennett Little, management representative on Council, said "(Daily editor) Joan Mandell does not believe in a constitution. This meeting has no basis in our constitution." Little denied the budget cuts were politically motivated.

After the motion to rescind the compromise budget was passed, Students' Society President Paul Drager told the meeting that "matters brought here concerning funds will be taken as advice" by Council. He said "all budgets must be passed by Council. Council, not the open meeting, is supported by our constitution in this matter."

Drager said this applies to the two motions directly dealing with the budget, as well as to the motion concerning the maintenance of the Daily's present level of news coverage. "That motion is written in such a way as to make it possibly unconstitutional. The way it's interpreted by Council will determine what the motion means and if it's constitutional."

Drager said Council might deem the November 7 budget sufficient for "maintenance of the Daily's quality." He also said Council might interpret it as unconstitutional, since it indirectly affects a budget.

The motions "will not be presented before the Judicial Committee," said Drager. He said the basic issues are already before the committee in the case of day care, in which the constitutional powers of open meetings to vote funds is being tested.

Drager questioned the validity

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Editor Joan Mandell after the vote

Former Daily editor Nesar Ahmad speaks during the meeting

Daily photos by Mark Sandiford

today

McGill Christian Fellowship:
Remember last week? John Newton gave Part I of the fantastic letter by James. This week, Part II. Everybody and anybody welcome. Union 457-8, 6:30 p.m.

ISA:
"Foreign Student on Campus" workshop. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Leacock 820-821. Open to all students. Information: 392-8940.

Principal's Reception for Foreign Students:
Foreign students studying for the first time at McGill are invited to meet Principal and Mrs. Bell and staff, 4 to 6 p.m., Redpath Hall. You last chance to pick up invitation cards from ISA, Union B-40.

Thursday Theatre:
Today's FREE show is "Duck Soup" (U.S.A.; 1933; Leo McCarey) with the Marx brothers. Unon ballroom, 12:30 p.m.

Legal Aid:
Open: Monday to Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Room 412.

Fencing Club:
Beginners' lessons as usual, 6:30 p.m. Club meets at 7 p.m. in Currie Gym.

Pre-Med Society:
Film series features "A Hospital Is..." a unique public and careers information film. Charles F. Martin Lecture Theatre, 6th floor McIntyre, 1 p.m.

Golem Coffee House:
Presents Patty Geary at 9 p.m., 3460 Stanley St., 845-9171.

Christian Science Organization:
All are welcome to join us at our weekly testimony meeting. Union 124 at 5:45 p.m.

Baha'i Club:
Meeting, 12 to 2 p.m. in Union room 124. All Club Meetings are open. Everybody is welcome.

Developing Area Studies:
Dr. G. R. Moitse, Vice-chancellor, University of Botswana/Lesotho/ Swaziland will speak on economic and political development in Botswana/Lesotho and Swaziland on Thursday, November 15 at 12:15 p.m. at the Centre, 3437 Peel Street, 2nd floor lounge. Refreshments will be served.

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CANADIAN YOUTH HOSTELS
The Canadian Youth Hostels Association is presenting a free evening of exhibitions and films on Thursday, November 15 from 7-10 p.m. The CYH is a group of outdoorsy types who organise weekend trips for themselves throughout the year. Trips usually go north in the Townships, or in Vermont — you get there by car pools or special buses and stay at a youth hostel overnight. Come Thursday night and find out more about what CYH has to offer. The exhibition will be held at 463 St. Catherine St. West (St. James Church — use entrance from Councillor St.).

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPING AREA STUDIES
Workshop No. 5 — Thursday, November 15 at 2:15 p.m. at the Centre, 3437 Peel Street, second floor lounge. Refreshments will be served. The subject will be "Economic and Political Development in Botswana/ Lesotho/ Swaziland". The speaker will be Dr. G.R. Moitse, Vice Chancellor, University of Botswana/Lesotho/Swaziland. Dr. Moitse will be available for consultation on Thursday from 2:30 - 4 p.m.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY
Open to all — Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m. in the Union Coffee Lounge. Live music and lots of fun. Wine will be sold 3/$1.00. Given by the Nurses' Undergraduate Society for Scholarship Fund.

THIRD WORLD CENTRE
Slides and discussion on "Women and Education in China" will be presented on Thursday, November 15 at 8 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Speakers will be Elaine Rubin, Suzanne Taschereau and Linda Savory (who have recently returned from China). Sponsored by the Afro-Asian-Latin American People's Solidarity Committee.

MIDDLE EAST TALK
ISA and Arab students' society present Doctor Yehya Abubakr, director of Arab information in Ottawa, and Abdullah, a representative from the Palestinian liberation organization to speak on "The Latest Development in the Middle East." Friday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. in B26-27.

McGILL CURLING CLUB
Next meeting will be on Sunday, November 18 at T.M.R. 1 p.m.: 1 vs. 4, 3 vs. 11, 9 vs. 5; 3 p.m.: 2 vs. 8, 10 vs. 6, 7 has the bye, but please be on hand for sparing duty. Skips, please call your teams to confirm. Don't forget the opening party, Friday, November 16, 455 Sherbrooke St., Apt. 807 (corner of Durocher).

AFRICAN STUDIES
Celebration of the founding of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and latest advances, Friday, November 16, at 7 p.m. in Leacock 26. Speakers: a representative of Zanu Zimbabwe Africans National Union and a representative of the African Progressive Study Group.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS UNION
There will be a meeting of the Psychology Students Union in room W2/3A of the Stewart Biology Building at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 15. Utilization of the recently approved budget, forthcoming elections for the positions of president, secretary and treasurer, and the speaker program will be the major topics of discussion. All psychology students are encouraged to attend this meeting.

THE PLAY'S THE THING
An actor for the only speaking part in the play, "Who is God" by Phillip Jack Inhaber, is needed as are male and female dancers. Phone me immediately for an audition time — 731-2698. The play deals with one man telling the story of his life and death with concurrent demonstration of the same in dance. It is original and was screened by English Drama for its Production under the Playground Section.

BRIDGE CLUB
Our second duplicate game was a resounding success. Our next game will be Tuesday, November 20, at 6:45. For info. call Howard 481-9122 or Robert 488-3085.

ART EXHIBIT AND SALE
Remember to come to the art exhibit and sale of student artwork and handicraft in the University Centre, November 20 and 21.

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Thursday, Nov. 15
Leacock 132
Showings 6:30; 8:30; 10:30 p.m.

Admission $1.00
A Media McGill Presentation

classifieds

These ads may be placed in the advertising office at the University Centre from 10 am to 5 pm. Ads received by noon appear the following day. Rates: 3 consecutive insertions—$3.00 maximum 20 words. 15 cents per extra word.

FOR SALE

Lady's brown leather boots, crepe sole, Size 9, $20. If interested, Union, Rm. B-48 9-5.

Furniture for sale: chairs, tables, beds, stereo, birds with cage etc. Apartment for rent on Esplanade - 5½ heated, $110. by month. Call 866-3246.

Leaving country. Must sell '69 Beetle. Good condition. $750, or near offer. Phone Rachel 631-4158.

Swedish made Hagstrom guitar with hardshell case. Two pickups. Good tone variety. Soft touch - fast neck. Six months old. 381-9452.

Zeiss Contaflex Super BC 35 mm. SLR, excellent condition, featuring interchangeable lens system, Zeiss Tessar 2.8/50 mm lens, manual or automatic setting, famous German craftsmanship. New $285, asking $150, or best offer. Call Klaus 844-7098 after 6.

Stereo with radio, beautiful blanket, clothes, lab coat, plants, wall hangings. All in perfect condition. Cheap. Call 866-3246.

WANTED

Canadian English student wanted for tutoring purposes, 3 months, evenings. Will be paid. Colette 677-3580.

WANTED 16mm projector. Call 845-7279, 9-5 p.m.

JOBS

Secretary - 1½ to 2 days. $2.00 per hour. Possible increased time and money. Mrs. Sigurdson, Mr. Cohen 392-5131.

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday Theatre presents the fabulous Marx Brothers' "Duck Soup". To be shown in the ballroom at 12:30 P.M. Absolutely FREE.

Media McGill presents 'Carnal Knowledge' on Thursday, Nov. 15 in L132 at 6:30/8:30/10:30 p.m. Also on Saturday, Nov. 17, 'The Heartbreak Kid' in FDAA at 6:00/8:15/10:30 p.m. Admission $1.00. Info 392-3094.

MFS Friday series brings you 'Me and My Brother' Nov. 16th. An impressive story of sibling rivalry between the director and his Aunt. Recorded live on film. 7:00 and 9:30. L132 - 50c.

TYPING

Typing lecture notes, term papers, thesis, copy work, stencils. Same day service: 733-3272.

Theses, reports, etc. pick up and deliver. McGill area. 748-7648 Trudi.

LOST

Lost! One pair of brown leather gloves in Union. Very important that they are returned. Call Alan at 484-6408.

Small, Tiger cat, female. Near Prince Arthur, between Durocher and Hutchison. Answers to 'OBOE', likes armpits. Small reward. 849-3311.

PERSONAL

Problem? Feel you need to rap with a rabbi? Call Israel Housman 341-3580.

Greg Sargent - Send Kathy your address, she lost it, that's why she hasn't written.

HOUSING

SHAWBRIDGE Furnished 7 room ski chalet. Close to Autoroute and Route 11. Available December 1st by appointment only. Call 747-9536.

Room for Rent - Private home, 547 Cherrier St. (metro Sherbrooke station) Berri St. and Sherbrooke St. Tel 843-7395 after 8 p.m.

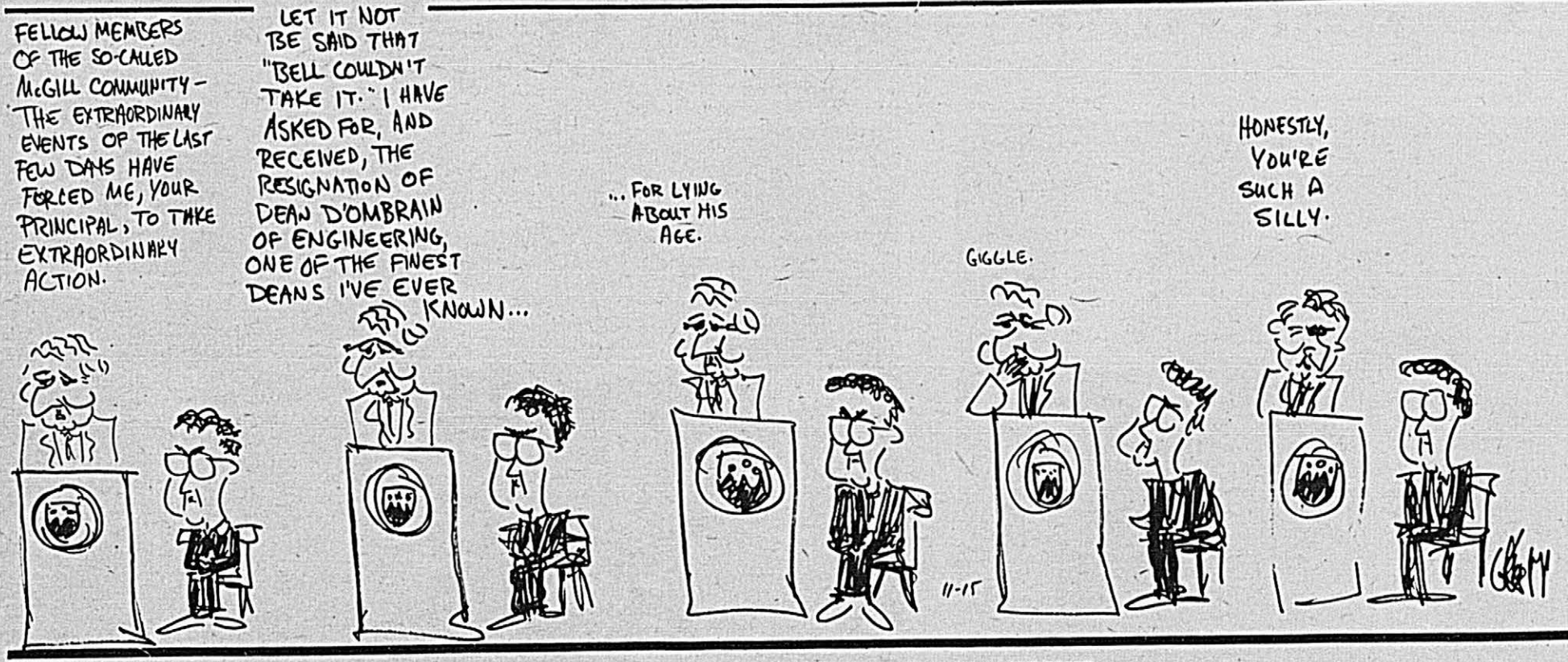
MISCELLANEOUS

Parking place. $15.00 par mois. 3563 University, apt. 5. Tel. 842-1383.

MOVING? Graduate student with truck, professional service guaranteed, cheapest rates, move anything. Call Tim 481-6385.

In conjunction with ISA, the McGill Arab Student Society sponsors a discussion session on the Middle East situation on Friday, the 16th of November at 7:30 p.m. in Room 124, the Union. Students and public are invited.

LEAN AND HUNGRY/BY GEORGE KOPP



An unsigned leaflet given to librarians

The following leaflet appeared mysteriously yesterday on desks throughout the library system. It was distributed in response to the recent attempt at unionization by some library assistants.

READ THIS
IF YOU ARE A LIBRARY ASSISTANT AT McGILL, THIS IS OF IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE TO YOU!

If a union comes into the McGill Library system, you will be forced to join. So before you sign a union card, read the following information carefully compiled and presented by several concerned library assistants who feel that BOTH sides of the union story should be told — honestly and openly — to the library staff.

DUES:

If money is what you are after, consider this.

—RATES:

Begin at $3.11 per month (union dues) plus approximately $2 per month (local dues). Dues are subject to a probable rise after the November Union Convention.

—THIS TOTAL:

—of over $5 per month does not include strike fund payments which could raise the monthly dues to as much as $10.

—TO EVEN QUALIFY:

—for the $20 per week (single) or $27 per week (family) strike pay you MUST appear — as scheduled — on the picket lines.

—IF A STRIKE:

—lasts for 6 weeks (SGWU) an LAIII, for example, would lose $508 — so much for your 10 per cent raise!

—OTHER STRIKE DRAWBACKS:

a) What if Laval or UQAM go on strike?

b) What happens to your strike money if you are never out on strike?

c) What if you don't qualify for strike pay?

Do you know the answers to these questions?

SENIORITY:

The union stresses seniority as the prime qualification when all other factors are equal in filling a job vacancy. The person with the most number of years experience in the system — **regardless of ability** — would be first in line for any job in the library system — not just in his/her own department but in the entire system!

This would be a death blow to any spirit of co-operation or initiative among staff members.

—OTHER DRAWBACKS:

a) Are you willing to wait for all the LAIII's who joined the system before you to advance before you are even given a chance to prove your worth?

b) How efficient a library system would result from this kind of advancement?

GRIEVANCES:

—If you think the PRESENT grievance procedure takes too long (42 days) take a close look at the grievance procedure the union is proposing. That grievance procedure takes 113 days.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AT WORK — HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOU?

—If you think unionization will promote more flexibility, and give you a greater voice in the system, think again.

PROMPTNESS:

—Does punching a TIME CLOCK appeal to you? With unionization, the present relaxed atmosphere with regard to arriving and leaving work will disappear. The library administration will not be as considerate as it is now and "assume" that we are all here on time. The TIME CLOCK will speak for the staff.

PARTICIPATION:

—Do you think a VOICE in Library affairs is important? The present participation by library assistants in library government through councils could cease to exist. Why should the library administration make any attempts at grass roots democracy?

—The channels you have now for expressing ideas would be cut off.

HOLIDAYS:

—The library administration would be forced to become more rigid in respect to holidays (Christmas and New Year's in particular — only two of the present seven days off are statutory).

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

—Have you seriously considered the implications of having ALL job descriptions rewritten according to union regulations?

—Exact qualifications would become increasingly important. This may mean serious changes in your actual job and job level. Can you define just what our "acquired rights" are in this area?

We are concerned. We hope that after reading this you now share our concern — at least enough to THINK before joining a union — any union. Reconsider the implications of unionization, and do so carefully. Do not allow yourself to make so serious a decision without knowledge of both pros and cons. Any advantage membership in a union can offer you is heavily outweighed by the disadvantages mentioned on this sheet. These facts are rarely admitted by union advocates. We have gained many improvements through the association (ALAMU) and more can be attained by continuing to work WITH the administration, not AGAINST it. You as a library assistant at McGill University can achieve any benefits and more importantly retain those that exist at present for only $2 a year and NO LOSS OF SALARY through strikes.

THINK ABOUT IT. IT'S UP TO YOU!

Concerned Library Assistants

In reply

An open letter to library assistants

This open letter was written yesterday afternoon by Mike Cohen, the union [CUPE] representative to McGill libarary assistants, in order to clarify the remarks in the above letter.

It has been brought to my attention that a pamphlet has been distributed questioning the efficacity of unionization. The pamphlet urges that before you decide to sign a union card you consider the "facts" therein presented. The authors of this pamphlet also ask that you hear both sides of the story. It is in reference to this statement that I am impelled to reply to their remarks which are for the most part fallacious and require clarification. To do so I will attempt to follow their argument through point by point, and show how what they contend are "facts" are nothing more than an attempt to discredit reality:

I — DUES AND STRIKES

Dues

1) The pamphlet states that dues are $3.11 per month plus approximately $2 local dues. The $3.11 per month represents the amount required by CUPE to provide the locals with adequate services and information. The $2 is not a fixed amount and is decided upon by the membership, its purpose being to see to the economic functioning of a local. A local can only be independent if it is financially solvent and able to finance its committees, renting of halls, and other expenses.

What the pamphlet does not mention is:

a) union dues are tax deductible therefore the real cost is much less than claimed.

b) The strike fund is included in the $3.11 monthly dues. Forty cents of this amount is put aside in a special account for the eventuality of a strike. Therefore the contention that strike fund payments would raise the dues to as much at $10 is totally untrue. Dues do not come into effect until you have ratified and signed a collective agreement (i.e. until you have been assured of satisfactory working conditions).

2) In reference to the question of the Sir George library being on strike for six weeks and the use of this as indicator of the duration of strikes:

a) The Sir George library is not affiliated with CUPE, but with CNTU, and therefore I cannot comment on the reasons why the strike lasted as long as it did.

b) The only strike that ever took place at McGill, that of the buildings and grounds workers lasted less than one week, and isn't this a better indicator of how long a strike, if necessitated, would last at McGill? Furthermore, the fact that these employees gained parity with our contracts at U de M and UQAM sets an important precedent.

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At yesterday's open meeting

Daily photos by:
Mark Sandiford
Mucki Zimmerman

Extended library hours?

Senate meets to discuss 'axes'

by Eric Berger

For the second meeting in a row the McGill Senate was unable to take any definite policy position in reaction to the three government cahiers titled "Objectives and Orientations of Higher Education in Quebec."

Three weeks ago Senate began a debate on a response prepared by its Planning Commission but the talk in that meeting was focused on how Senate should conduct its discussion of the issue.

The result, yesterday, was that Senate found itself in "committee of the whole" which, for those of you who are not familiar with the intricacies of Robert's Rules of Order, means the Senators were acting as a committee in order to have the discussion.

The hottest point under debate at the meeting was the "Axes of Development".

Dean Vogel expressed concern that any attempt to classify McGill's "axes" would, in effect, lock it into a rigid direction along which it would be forced to develop. Dr. Vas countered, saying "If (Senate doesn't) decide what our "Axes of Development" are, then the government will decide for us. It is like the ostrich putting his head in the sand in order to escape the real world, but it still goes on around him." Vice-principal Pedersen confirmed this opinion, mentioning that in Cahier III the government has already outlined two of McGill's "Axes": teacher education, and experiments in modular instruction.

The example of Laval University, which for some time has declared its five "Axes of Development", and now finds itself dissatisfied with its decisions, was frequently mentioned.

Debate as to McGill's position on continuing education brought on a divergence of opinion. The controversy centred on whether McGill should offer continuing education towards a degree, only offer non-degree programs or whether retraining should be accented.

No motions were voted on by Senate before quorum was successfully challenged at 6:00 p.m.

People interested in the final outcome of the debate on McGill's response to the cahiers should attend the next meeting of Senate on November 28, 2:30 p.m., 8th floor Leacock, for the final vote.

Student Senator Stephen Fogerty proposed a motion asking the university to adopt a policy towards strikes stating that "no member of the university community shall be compelled by threat of penalty into performing their university function until the end of said strike". The motion was directed to the steering committee from where it will be directed to another Senate Committee.

Also put forward, but not discussed, in the meeting was a motion by student Senators Fogerty and Novack to extend the hours of the McLennan and Redpath libraries. The motion was sent straight to the Library Committee where it will be discussed next week. According to Novack it is almost certain that library hours will be extended. The proposed hours of service will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. During exam periods those hours would be extended to 2:00 a.m. at night.

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during a period when it was going through very hard times."

Thomas Barton, the Associate Dean (Academic) of the engineering faculty, said the resignation is a "mildly embarrassing affair to the faculty."

"The Principal and Dean d'Ombrain came to a mutual agreement that this was the best solution to the impasse they found themselves in," he said. Barton was asked last week to be acting dean when d'Ombrain leaves, the Daily's sources said.

William Bruce, Associate Dean (Student Affairs), said "a lot of us are dumbfounded." He said faculty members had no advance warning of the move and he had heard nothing about it before Tuesday's announcement.

Eigil Pedersen, the Vice-Principal (Academic), said "I'm surprised to hear this news myself." He said he had known "for at least a week that something was cooking."

Principal Bell was out of town yesterday and not available for comment. The Daily's sources said there has been criticism within the engineering faculty of his handling of d'Ombrain's resignation. Some faculty members feel the Principal should not have demanded the Dean's resignation and did not allow any advance warning of the move.

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of open meetings. "It's absurd that an open meeting which is not representative of all students on campus should be able to legislate. I am not against day care or the Daily, but I'm opposed to an open meeting voting funds."

Drager said that at the time it was passed, "I thought the compromise budget was sufficient for the Daily." He said he had voted for the budget proposal which cut Council's subsidy to the Daily in half, as "an eye-raiser" to the Daily, and "I didn't expect it to go into effect."

Daily editor Joan Mandell said the open meeting expressed the wishes of the majority of the students. "Whatever the power of open meetings to vote money may be, this meeting showed clearly that students want Council to give the Daily enough money to keep publishing on a daily basis," she said. "Council can ignore the students' wishes only at its own risk."

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and the debate became more intense, to say the least. The Marxists made quite a few statements, a few of which I jotted down. "If you were not a racist you wouldn't go around saying you were Jewish". "Zionism is a racist ideology". "The existance of Israel is an act of aggression against the Arab people". and "Zionists have always tried to intimidate".

I could easily go on with at least 30 more quotes but the gist doesn't change. When confronted with valid questions on their ideology the Marxists, seemingly unable to respond, resorted to their favorite chant "Death to racism, death to Zionism". We must admit that they proved their proficiency in yelling and feel that their true worth to McGill would be at Molson Stadium cheering for the Redmen.

As the group grew and the tempers flared, fisticuffs broke out on more than one occasion, but they were suppressed quickly.

The end result was a dispersion of most of the people with the threat of police intervention, although sporadic "discussions" continued.

The Marxists made their point that Zionism is synonymous with Racism, Fascism, Nazism and aggression. "The Zionists have tried to bully the people of the world". They went on to declare that "The Jewish people have always opposed Zionism".

Well, here is one Jew who, with at least 50 or so counterparts, supports Zionism. I'm afraid that the Marxists had better look and find just what Zionism is. If Lenin were alive today, he would probably spit on these people.

Benji Steinfeld E-2

ASUS Elections

December 5, 1973

Nominations are hereby opened for the positions of:

E2-U1 representative

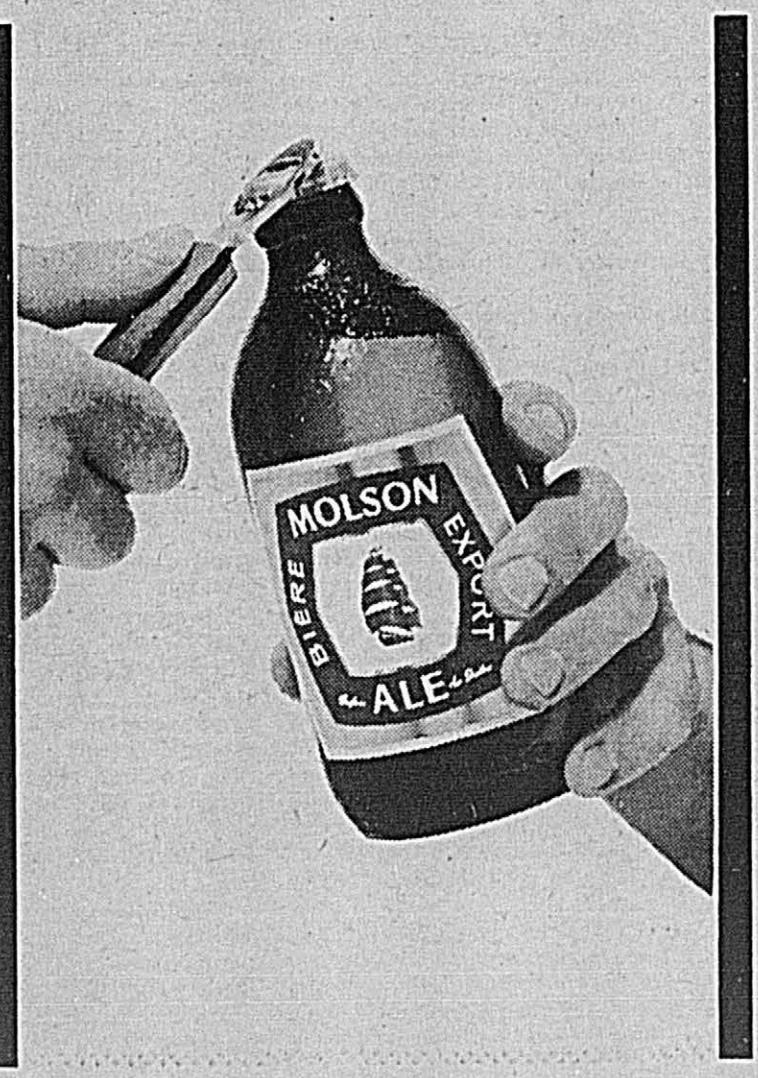
U1-U2 representative

All nominations must be submitted in writing with the following:"We, the undersigned members of the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society, nominate _____ for the position of _____."
25 signatures
countersigned by the candidate with his/her telephone number

All candidates must be members of the ASUS in good standing and nominations may only be signed by members of the ASUS.

Deadlines for applications is 4 p.m., Friday, November 23. Please leave applications in the ASUS mailbox in the Students' Council office — main floor of the Union.

Chief Returning Officer



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ISA LUNCH HOUR SERIES

Bring your lunch down to ISA B-40 and be entertained every Friday 12 to 2 p.m. This week, on Friday, November 16, we will listen to a collection of Yiddish Folk songs by Linda Feldman. We serve coffee and cookies.

ONEG SHABBAT AND FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS

Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Cost: $1.50/meal. Pay by Thursday, 1 p.m. Everyone welcome to Oneg following. Takes place at McGill Hillel, 3460 Stanley. Info: 845-9171.

THAILAND TALK

Malaysian-Singapore Students' Association is holding a discussion on "The Recent Situation in Thailand." Speaker — Harn Yawnghwe. Saturday, November 17, 3 p.m. in ISA B-40. Beer and pizza served afterwards. Members, non-members welcomed.

MEAD FILM

"Wildcat at Mead," a film describing the strike of black workers against the Mead Packing plant in Atlanta, Ga., will be shown this Saturday night. Sherman Miller, a leader of the Mead strike and a member of the October League (Marxist-Leninist) will be present to discuss the significance of the strike. Sponsored by the Comite pour la Defense des Droits des Travailleurs Haitians, and the Mouvement Revolutionnaire des Etudiants du Quebec. Saturday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. Place: Ecole de Lanaudiere, (corner of Lanaudiere and Marie-Anne.)

LECTURE

Open meeting: Dr. Murray Katz will speak on "Health Consumer's Bill of Rights." Place: Martin Theatre, McIntyre Medical Building. November 19 at 7:45 p.m. Sponsored by faculty of P. and O.T.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES

Dr. G. Manley, Department of Biology will speak on "The function of the vertebrate middle ear," Thursday, November 15, 1973, 4 p.m. at S3/6 Stewart Biological Sciences Building.

VIETNAMESE STUDENTS

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Editorial

Open meeting shows wish of students

YESTERDAY'S OPEN MEETING was a decisive victory for the Daily and those who have worked to bring the issue of Council's attacks on the Daily before the Students.

The large turnout for the meeting and the almost unanimous votes in support of the Daily's motions indicate the wishes of the majority of the students who have taken an interest in this issue. Some members of the Students' Society executive and of Council will undoubtedly continue to oppose these wishes by invoking constitutional arguments or procedural tricks at the next Council meeting. These last-ditch efforts to put the interests of a few hacks above those of the majority of the students must be opposed. Council should without delay implement the resolutions passed yesterday.

The significance of the vote goes beyond the issue of the Daily itself. Council has tried to ride roughshod over campus groups and issues that get in the way of its plans, and has attacked fundamental democratic rights of students. Now a significant number of students have united and told their "representatives" that they will no longer allow them to act in the arbitrary and bureaucratic manner in which they have continued up until now.

The Daily wishes to thank those who supported us at the meeting and helped to bring the issue to the students. However, while one battle may be won, the war is far from over. Students should continue to oppose Council's undemocratic actions, and should take the opportunity of the upcoming Council elections to elect progressive representatives who will act with the students, not against them.

The Editors

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letters

The other side of Both Sides

To the editor:

As a former Editor-in-Chief of The Georgian, as well as a member of Student's Council at Sir George, I have looked at council/press budget hassles from, as Joni Mitchell puts it, "both sides now". Naturally, I have watched with amusement the current "negotiations" on this campus. Perhaps a few of my comments would be of interest.

By way of interest, let me say that reports of the imminent death of the Daily are, as Mark Twain remarked on reading his own obituary, highly exaggerated. In other years, in other places, student newspapers stronger than yours, as well as some weaker, were dealt severe budget slashes from student governments and lived to tell of the ordeal. If the Daily staffers are sincere in their concern, they will roll up their sleeves and continue putting out their paper - perhaps hot dogs will have to replace steaks as the evening repast for the night staff; perhaps the metro will have to replace the cab for reporters, but I challenge any of you to honestly say that the job cannot be done.

Do you really think that cutting from five, to two or three times weekly, is going to ruin the Daily? I hear the plaintive cases of "tradition". Tradition is for reactionaries, and if any of you fit that mould, it must be getting awfully stuffy in the closet.

Ms. Mandel expresses the fear that Council's austerity will affect the quality of her paper. I've got a flash for tomorrow's page one: it would be difficult to affect that quality any more than she and her brain trust have already done. The truth, painful as it may be, is that the Daily is, was and will be so long as it is a daily, mediocre at the best of times, and the best of times are few.

The Daily can, and will survive, if even as a less-than-daily. Are you worried about the necessary change of name? "Saturday Night" comes out on a Wednesday; Vancouver's hockey team plays in the Eastern division of a league that has Philadelphia in the west; nothing is sacred, kids, so don't lose any sleep.

I have a suggestion to council as to how to disburse some of the lucre they have saved. Enlist the sources of a reputable market researcher, and do an in-depth study of the Daily's readership. I'd bet a lifetime subscription that not more than one out of every five students reads the thing. If that is the case then the budget slash was warranted. The first obligation of a student government is to provide its constituency with a program of which that constituency will avail itself. If the Daily is not part of that program, it may well be, as I suspect that it is, because the vast majority of students are as repulsed by their newspaper as I am. A McGill Daily which continually refuses to recognise, or refuses to admit, that this very real problem exists on this campus, does not exist to survive.

Steve Halperin
B.C.L. II

Who would Lenin really spit on?

To the editor:

Those people who visited the union yesterday afternoon viewed a large contingent of people partaking in a heated argument about something. It so happens these people were "discussing" a headline and subsequent article in the Marxist-Leninist Daily denouncing Zionism in no uncertain terms. In fact, when I asked to see the paper, I was told that I was a "Zionist, Racist, Facist" and there was no way I could see it.

Quickly the group grew larger

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Library assistants...

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c) At present, CUPE represents three universities in Quebec. Here are the figures on the duration of their strikes, before they obtained the contracts presently in force:

1) **University of Montreal:** a one day strike

11) **University of Quebec at Montreal:** no strike

111) **University of Laval:** no strike

3-a) What if Laval or UQAM go on strike?

a) There is never any obligation to go out in sympathy for other locals. Since it is the local's right to decide whether or not they themselves wish to strike, (a decision taken by the membership at a general meeting) there is no question of a local being forced to support others as is implied by this question.

3-b) What happens to your strike money if you are never out on strike?

As mentioned above the strike money is included in the dues and will be used by any given local who decides to strike. The formula is quite simple: the more strikes CUPE has, the less money in the strike fund and vice-versa. What it assures is that no one will be left penniless if they strike.

3-c) What if you don't qualify for strike pay?

It is true that unless you fulfil your duty to picket when on strike, you don't receive strike pay, but since the effectiveness of a strike is gauged by the picket lines, it's only logical that when a local decides democratically to strike, its members support their own decision and take part in this serious action.

II—SENIORITY

The statement made in the leaflet appears contradictory. To begin, it states that "The union stresses seniority as the prime qualification when all other factors are equal" and later on "regardless of ability". What then is meant by "when all other factors are equal"? It means ability, experience, and qualifications. When these are equal it only seems reasonable that a person with the most seniority be given the job. This protects against favouritism, something which can only serve the administration. It assures that an employee who does his work be given a decent chance for promotion.

III—GRIEVANCES

The claim that the grievance procedure takes a much longer time at UQAM omits two very important facts:

a) That the bulk of the extra amount of days in the contract, as opposed to McGill system, is a protection for the employees, giving them more time to put forward a grievance.

For example:

At McGill you have to put forward a grievance within three days of its occurrence, whereas at UQAM the employees have 45 days to do so. This is extremely important because it gives one time to evaluate the situation and, remember, the grievance can be sent the very first day thereby knocking 44 days off what the authors claim is an excessively long procedure.

b) With a union you have a right to go to arbitration on any grievance not settled by the grievance procedure, which means an impartial arbitrator who has no affiliation with either the union or the University will decide on the validity of the grievance. As you well know, under the present grievance procedure at McGill the final decision rests with the administration.

IV—PROMPTNESS

I do not know why the authors of the pamphlet invented that union punch clock, but it is totally false that unionization requires the implementation of punch clocks. At the library at UQAM there are no punch clocks for employees.

V—PARTICIPATION

There is no reason why unionization would mean the end to dialogue with the administration. As a matter of fact, article 4 of the collective agreement at UQAM is called "Participation in university life" and provides that committees be set up to discuss all aspects of the university situation.

If, however, the universtiy's reaction to your grassroots democratic decision is to try and create antagonisms there must be some reason that they would do so, and the only reason I can see is that they do not respect employees' inherent right to unionize, and to have a say in their working lives.

VI—HOLIDAYS

What can be questioned here is whom does the CUPE contract, which provides a 10 day vacation at Christmas plus 9 other statutory holidays, force to be more rigid?

The only rigidity is that your holidays are increased and assured and not contingent upon the paternalism of McGill.

VII—JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Two questions are posed in this section:

a) "Have you seriously considered the implications of having all job descriptions rewritten according to union regulations?"

The only implications I can see are:

- employee control of job descriptions whereby people would be paid for what they actually do.
- "union regulations" are in reality the regulations that you as employees decide upon and not, as implied, some outside group.
- accurate, objective, job descriptions would provide that if an employee did a job clearly higher than this job classification he would be paid for this work.

b) "Exact qualifications would become increasingly important. This may mean serious changes in your job and job level. Can you define what our "acquired rights" are in this area?"

-Yes, exact qualifications would become important but these qualifications would be real, objective qualifications and not whether you're best friends with your supervisor.

- Regarding acquired rights this means that no employee can suffer any loss of salary as a result of job evaluation and from experience I can safely say that the vast majority will enjoy an increase in salary.

In summation, I would hope that the above statements give you a clearer understanding of the facts. I myself would also like to pose a question, to the people who wrote the pamphlet. Since it was not signed and I have no means of knowing who was responsible, I can only do so through this letter.

Why is it that you have free access to the library to distribute these pamphlets whereas when LA's interested in unionization try to get their point across, a letter is circulated by Mrs. Garden telling people they are not allowed to do so?

Once again, I hope that you have become aware of the benefits unionization brings. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at: 861-1461 (CUPE office).

Thank you for this opportunity to clear up the situation.

Sincerely yours,
Mike Cohen
CUPE Representative

in between the lines

Distorting the labour movement

by Arnold Bennett

Has labour militancy declined in Quebec since the May Revolt of 1972? Was the Common Front strike, in fact, a mistake on the part of the labour leaders, which "alienated" the rank-and-file union members? Should the labour movement have "stayed out of politics" and concentrated on the old techniques of isolated bargaining for "bread-and-butter" issues?

The dominant elements in the Parti Quebecois, middle-class nationalists almost to a man, obviously think so. The PQ hardly mentioned labour during its campaign, even though, by default, it draws a large portion of its support from the working class. To certain Pequiste intellectuals, to whom one could have talked during the recent Quebec election campaign, "the Common Front was a mistake".

During the same campaign, Premier Bourassa, unlike the PQ, paid a considerable amount of attention to labour. That is, he claimed that "the majority of the workers" were on his side, and that they were all fed up with their union leaders, who should "keep their noses out of politics". Bourassa won the election, but not with the votes of "the majority" of unionized workers.

Meanwhile, ever since the May Revolt, the press has tried frantically to perpetuate these myths. Any evidence that there was not total harmony and unity of purpose in the Quebec labour movement was twisted to obtain the conclusion that the workers were opposed to radical action, and that the May Revolt had been somehow mysteriously engineered by a conspiratorial clique, rather than being a spontaneous act of resistance to government repression by workers all over Quebec.

Rank-and-file workers might not have been particularly fond of certain labour leaders, but they were far less fond of the Bourassa regime and its anti-labour policies. For example, in May 1972 in one Montreal area factory where workers were affiliated to the Quebec Federation of Labour, QFL President Louis Laberge was regarded as a labour bureaucrat who was opposing the government purely to promote his own interests. But these same workers were prepared to go out on strike in support of the jailed Common Front leaders, not for the sake of Laberge, but for the twenty-odd rank-and-file union militants that the Bourassa regime's judges had condemned to prison along with him.

The press made much of the disaffiliations of certain unions from the Confederation of National Trade Unions after the May Revolt. But hardly a word was written a few months later when construction unions affiliated to the breakaway Confederation des Syndicats Democratiques had to fire their highly-paid union bureaucrats because so many members had returned to the CNTU.

"Political analysts" in newspapers like the Montreal Star also made much of the fact that there was so little protest action by workers after the three central union leaders were jailed for the second time after being found guilty of defying the back-to-work injunction. Again the pundits attributed this quiescence to "apathy" among the workers, rather than to the factionalism and intra-union feuding that broke out between the bureaucratic levels of the CNTU and the QFL over which union was to represent the construction workers.

The commercial press, unlike alternate press sources, again failed to mention that rank-and-file union members protested the bureaucratic hassling, and that many workers and union militants demanded the bureaucrats stop feuding and unite to fight Bill 89, the government's proposed legislation to virtually eliminate the right to strike in the public service. The press, however, could not ignore the massive May Day, 1973, demonstrations demanding the release of the union leaders, since there were 30,000 workers and sympathizers parading in the streets of Montreal, and another 20,000 in other cities of Quebec. The demonstrations made the front page of every Montreal newspaper, but the Star buried the news at the bottom of page one. La Presse, undoubtedly under pressure from its journalists, who had won a strike against management of the news 16 months before, gave the demonstration full and respectful coverage.

Within a few days, however, the pundits seemed to have forgotten that May Day had ever happened, and were pontificating again on how union radicalism was "fading", and how the union leaders had learned their lesson and were becoming more "practical". An article to this effect, by Montreal Star "Quebec expert" Dominique Clift, appeared November 10, just two days before publication b y the Star, without comment, of a very revealing poll by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion.

The question asked by the pollsters was: "As you know, the Canadian economy has been plagued by a series of major strikes recently. In your opinion, is this due primarily to the attitude of management or to the attitude of labour?"

Nationally (including Quebec), 30 per cent of the people polled blamed management, while 32 per cent blamed labour and another 32 per cent blamed both equally. In Ontario the figures were 18 per cent blaming management, 41 per cent labour and 34 per cent both. In the Maritimes 30 per cent blamed management, 23 per cent labour and 44 per cent both. And in the NDP dominated West 24 per cent blamed management, 40 per cent labour and 33 per cent both. Finally, in all of Canada, only 37 per cent of blue collar workers (!!!) blamed management, while 26 per cent blamed labour and 32 per cent blamed both.

But the Quebec figures, taken at a time when workers were supposed to be reacting against union militancy, according to the PQ and all the pundits, show an astonishing contrast. An enormous 55 per cent of people polled in Quebec blamed management, while 23 per cent blamed both management and labour and only 18 per cent blamed labour.

If these figures are examined in conjunction with the poll published in the Montreal Gazette in May 1972, shortly after the May Revolt in which workers "wildcatted" and took over radio stations and even whole towns like Sept-Iles, a very clear pattern emerges.

In the Gazette poll, which was published without comment, approximately 40 per cent of the people polled said that they agreed with the aims of the Common Front of labour unions. This is an astonishingly high figure for that time, since all the propaganda circulated by the government, as well as militant labour's own slogans, said that the unions were out to "smash the system".

The May Revolt was the first large-scale general strike anywhere in Canada since the famous Winnipeg General Strike of 1919. Surely, if workers were as frightened and "reactionary" as the pundits would have everyone believe, the proportion of people supporting union claims in Quebec would be far lower than in the West and even Ontario. Instead, it is far higher.

There seems to be a glaring contradiction between what Quebec political commentators claim is happening in the labour movement, and what actually is happening.

Placing the blame in labor disputes

OVERALL, Canadians are inclined to put the onus for strikes almost equally on management and labor. Nationally, 30% feel that management has been mainly responsible for the round of strikes that have occurred recently, and 32% blame labor. Another 32% say that management and labor are equally responsible, while only 6% are not sure.

There are wide variations by region, however. In Quebec, 55% place the main responsibility on management while in Ontario only 18% feel this way. In the Atlantic region, the largest group (44%) think that both are equally to blame. As in Ontario, more Western Canadians are inclined to place the responsibility with labor than with management.

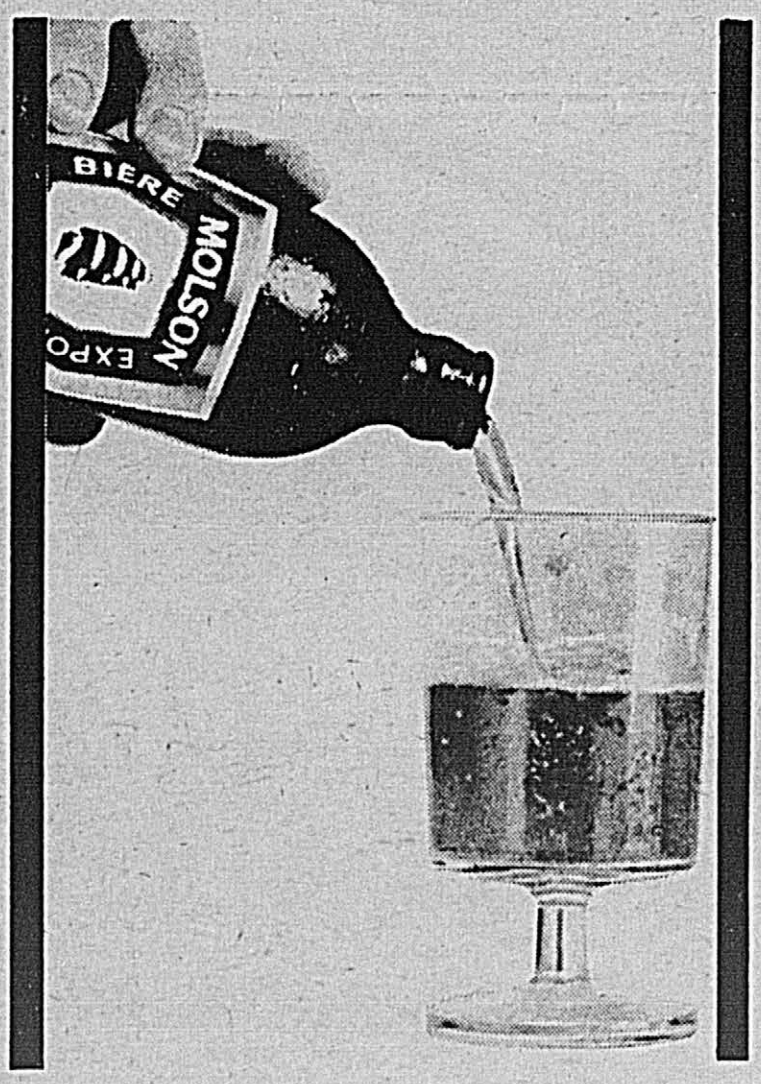
Predictably Canadians in professional, executive, sales or clerical positions more often point to labor, while skilled and unskilled workers are more apt to blame management. But just over one-quarter of the blue collar workers feel labor's attitude is the primary cause, while only 13% of professionals and executives blame management.

The question asked was:

"As you know, the Canadian economy has been plagued by a series of major strikes recently. In your opinion, is this due primarily to the attitude of management or to the attitude of labor?"

The table below shows the results nationally, and by major groups.

	Management	Labor	Both Equally	Don't Know
NATIONAL	30%	32%	32%	6%
Atlantic	30	23	44	3
Quebec	55	15	23	7
Ontario	18	41	34	7
West	24	40	33	3
Professional, executive	13	45	37	5
Clerical, sales	25	37	33	5
Blue collar workers	37	26	32	5
Farm, other	32	31	30	7
Men	34	30	32	4
Women	27	34	32	7



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